

AN ACT

relating to the procedure for providing a copy of the final decree of dissolution of a marriage to a party who waived service of process.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 6.710, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6.710. NOTICE [COPY] OF FINAL DECREE. The clerk of the court shall mail a notice of the signing [copy] of the final decree of dissolution of a marriage to the party who waived service of process under Section 6.4035 ~~[by mailing the copy of the decree to the party]~~ at the mailing address contained in the waiver or ~~[to]~~ the office of the party's attorney of record. The notice must state that a copy of the decree is available at the office of the clerk of the court and include the physical address of that office.

SECTION 2. Section 6.710, Family Code, as amended by this Act, applies to a suit for dissolution of a marriage filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit for dissolution of a marriage filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Joe Straus

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2422 was passed by the House on May 3, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 7, 1 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2422 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Betsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

17 JUN '11

Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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Secretary of State